

## U.N. chief discusses Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar scheduled separate meetings Friday with the U.N. envoys of Lebanon and Syria to discuss the current situation in Lebanon, a U.N. spokesman said. "The secretary general considers the situation in Lebanon is an internal matter," the spokesman told a questioner. "But nevertheless he is concerned about it and its international implications and therefore he wants to discuss that situation with both ambassadors." Asked whether the secretary general would discuss the latest Israeli air raid against targets in Lebanon, the spokesman said: "I am sure it may come up during the discussions but that it is not specifically on that particular event." In Damascus, Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam discussed Lebanon's political crisis Thursday with Lebanese acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and militia leaders, diplomats said. The talks were attended by Walid Jumblatt, who is minister of public works, transport and tourism, and Amal militia leader Nabih Berri, minister of justice and the south in the Hoss cabinet. The talks, the first between Khaddam and Hoss since Lebanon's parliament failed to elect a new speaker Tuesday, centred on coordinating policy. The diplomats said.

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## Superpowers agree on Mideast

ADU DHABI (R) — Moscow has almost reached agreement with Washington on an international peace conference for the Middle East, a top Soviet official was Friday quoted as saying. But Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told the Abu Dhabi daily Al Ittihad that the Soviet Union would not open relations with Israel until after the peace conference began. "Despite our several meetings with the Israelis, diplomatic relations will be resumed only at the start of the international conference. That is President Gorbachev's decision," Petrovsky was quoted as saying. "There are no basic differences with the United States on the need to convene a conference. Israel is the only party obstructing efforts to start an international meeting," he told the Arabic language daily in an interview in New York. "Our policy... favours the need for international efforts to solve regional problems and avert superpower confrontation because confrontation has not succeeded in ending such problems," Petrovsky told the paper.

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### Mitterrand to visit Egypt Tuesday

CAIRO (R) — President Francois Mitterrand of France will pay a flying visit to Egypt next Tuesday for Middle East talks with President Hosni Mubarak, a close friend, a French embassy spokesman said Friday. Mitterrand's five-hour trip to the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, where he and Mubarak will hold about three hours of informal private talks, will rank as his first official overseas visit of his second term of office, the spokesman said. "It all started with a telephone call on May 10th, 2200 hours," he told Reuters. "Mubarak was the first foreign leader to congratulate Mitterrand on his reelection. Mitterrand promised to make his first visit abroad to Egypt."

### Somalia frees 6 political prisoners

MOGADISHU (R) — Somalia has freed two prominent politicians sentenced to death for plotting and released four former cabinet ministers detained since 1982. A statement from the president's office published in local newspapers Friday said former Vice-President Ismail Ali Abokor and former Foreign Minister Omar Arsheh Qalib were freed as a gesture of goodwill to mark President Muhammad Siad Barre's 19 years in power. The two were sentenced to death by the national security court last February for their part in a 1982 coup plot. Their sentences were later commuted.

### Hirohito breaks out in rash, but stable

TOKYO (AP) — Emperor Hirohito broke out in a rash while receiving blood Friday, forcing doctors to halt the transfusion, but palace spokesmen said his condition remained stable, and no signs of internal bleeding were reported. "Doctors had planned to give the emperor 200 cubic centimetres (0.42 pints) of blood, but stopped at 150 cubic centimetres (0.32 pints), as the emperor declared a rash," Imperial Household Agency spokesman Kenji Maeda told reporters. He said the doctors believe the rash, which soon disappeared, was a reaction to elements in the blood and would not affect future transfusions.

### Al Nahar workers on strike

BEIRUT (AP) — The independent newspaper Al Nahar, Lebanon's most prestigious publication, was missing from the newsstands Friday after 127 employees began an open-ended strike demanding higher pay. "We have reached a stage where we cannot earn enough living to support our families," said a spokesman for the 127 striking workers at Al Nahar's printing press. "We have been demanding pay raises and improvement of living conditions for two months, but publisher Ghassan Toumeh failed to respond," the spokesman said. "We shall continue the strike until our demands are met."

### Presidential polls in Sri Lanka Dec. 19

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka will hold presidential elections Dec. 19, the elections commission announced Friday. In a statement, the commission said nominations from candidates contesting the poll would be accepted Nov. 10. Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa is the ruling United National Party's candidate. His main rival is Freedom Party leader Sirimavo Bandaranaike, a former prime minister.

### China, U.S. near satellite agreement

PEKING (AP) — Chinese and U.S. negotiators Friday agreed to meet two of three conditions set by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for the export of two U.S.-made satellites to China for launch. Negotiations are to resume in November in Washington on the remaining U.S. demand that China's commercial launch services, using the long march rocket, not use unfair pricing, according to a U.S. embassy statement. Reagan announced Sept. 9 the conditions for granting export licences for China nation to launch the satellites. After four days of talks, the two countries reached agreement on establishing safeguards to protect sensitive satellite technology and on setting China's liability in case of an accident, the statement said without elaboration.

### Dozens killed in Burmese clashes

RANGOON (AP) — Fifty-six government soldiers and at least 30 rebels were killed in clashes during the past three weeks, the state-run Radio Rangoon said Friday. The broadcast said 110 government troops also were wounded and six others missing in the 83 clashes with "various rebel groups" from Oct. 1-21. The highest death toll — 21 soldiers and 18 rebels — was in the Shan States, one of many areas of the country plagued by an insurgency by ethnic groups demanding greater regional autonomy. Those figures did not appear to include the toll from fierce fighting this month with Karen guerrillas in Karen State along the Moei River in the west bordering Thailand.

### Sakharov to visit U.S. in November

MOSCOW (R) — Physicist and human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov said Friday that Soviet authorities had lifted a long-standing ban on him travelling abroad and he will go to the United States next month. "I shall take part in the forthcoming trip," Sakharov told a news conference, referring to a Washington conference organised by the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity. He is a member of the board of the non-government group. His announcement followed his election late Thursday in the ruling Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

### Marcos, wife indicted for racketeering

NEW YORK (R) — Ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda were indicted Friday in a racketeering scheme that involved stealing millions of dollars from their homeland and using it to buy property in Manhattan. The Marcoses were accused of defrauding U.S. banks in the scheme and using international arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi as a front. Khashoggi, a Saudi national, and seven other close Marcos associates were also indicted. According to an indictment handed up by a federal grand jury here, Marcos and his wife embezzled \$103 million from their country and defrauded U.S. banks of \$165 million (See earlier story on page 8)

### King Hassan calls conference on locusts

RABAT (R) — Morocco's King Hassan has called an international conference to mobilise action against the worst locust plague to hit Africa in more than 30 years, the government announced Friday. Thirty-two Mediterranean countries will attend the meeting in the ancient city of Fez from Oct. 28-30. Representatives of the European Economic Community, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will also be present.

### Al Shira reports new hostage deal

BEIRUT (AP) — A Beirut magazine said Friday a deal was in the works between the United States and Iran for freeing nine American hostages held in Lebanon before the U.S. presidential elections Nov. 8. The weekly Al Shira said the deal would ensure the victory of Vice-President George Bush in exchange for a commitment from the Republican candidate to return Iran after his election to the White House. There was no way to verify the report.

## 15 killed in Israeli raid on Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes bombed Palestinian and Hezbollah targets in South Lebanon Friday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 40 in the two-pronged attack.

The raids, the heaviest by Israel on South Lebanon this year, were apparently launched in retaliation for the killing of seven Israeli soldiers by a Hezbollah suicide bomber Wednesday.

Police said two formations, each of them involving six fighters, attacked bases of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah on the outskirts of Sidon, and in the east Lebanon town of Mashqara.

Hezbollah had claimed responsibility for Wednesday's car bombing that also wounded eight Israeli soldiers and two Lebanese women.

The Israeli military command joined the attack on Mashqara, facing the Syrian army's forward positions in the Bekaa Valley, police said. There were no reports of Syrian involvement, however.

The simultaneous bombing runs in the east and south began at 10:03 a.m. (0803 GMT), police said.

Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon, is 40 kilometres south of Beirut. Mashqara is 16 kilometres east of Sidon.

Police said eight people were

killed and 15 wounded in the Sidon area and seven were killed and 15 wounded in Mashqara. But it was not clear if all the casualties were combatants.

An ammunition depot belonging to Hezbollah was hit near the Palestinian refugee camp of Mieh Mieh on the outskirts of Sidon. That set off a series of explosions and the depot was gutted by fire.

A Palestinian training base, run by Fatah, was hit in Mieh Mieh. The planes also blasted targets in the nearby village of Al Hilweh refugee camp.

The warplanes fired at least 18 rockets into Mashqara as the gunships strafed the town, police said. Shortly after the air attack, Israeli troops stationed in hills in South Lebanon opened up on the town and the nearby village of Al Luwayzeh with long-range, 155-mm Howitzers.

The Israeli military command said in a statement that the raid was aimed at "Palestinian targets in the Sidon area and Hezbollah command posts in the villages of Mashqara and Al Luwayzeh."

The warplanes drew heavy anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian and Hezbollah gunners. They were seen dropping scarlet balloons to deflect heat-seeking surface-to-air missiles. No hits were reported.

The King reiterated that the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

## PNC to convene Nov. 12 in Algiers

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders have called a session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) for Nov. 12-14 in Algiers to declare an independent Palestinian state and endorse their ideas on Middle East peace.

The PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was holding talks with Moroccan King Hassan Friday ahead of the PNC meeting.

Diplomats said Arafat was to brief the king on the PLO's strategy.

Morocco's relations with Arafat soured in April last year after Mohammad Abdul Aziz, president of the self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), attended a PNC meeting in Algiers.

The SADR was proclaimed by Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas who have been fighting Morocco since 1976 for independence of the Western Sahara.

Abdul Aziz's presence at the PNC meeting angered King Hassan who ordered Morocco to

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leaders had prepared a draft of the statement but this might change over the next three weeks.

The PNC will follow Israeli elections Nov. 1.

Two Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesmen told reporters Thursday that the leaders set the dates at a meeting in Tunis Wednesday night.

The decision put an end to more than two months of speculation over when the PNC would hold the session.

The PLO will ask the 453-member assembly to declare the Palestinian state on the basis of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181 passed in 1947.

The PNC will also look at a political statement drafted by the PLO.

Jamil Hilal, the head of the PLO Information Department in Tunis, told Reuters Palestinian

## Manglapus: U.S. should have paid more for bases

MANILA (AP) — The foreign secretary said Friday the United States should have paid more to keep its bases in the Philippines and that Manila had not decided whether to seek a treaty to extend after their lease expires in 1991.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus returned from Washington, where he signed an agreement four days earlier allowing the United States to maintain its six bases until 1991 in return for \$962 million over the final two years of the agreement.

"I'm sorry that not all the issues put on the table were resolved," said Manglapus, chief Filipino negotiator in the bases talks.

He cited unresolved issues of Philippine criminal jurisdiction over the 40,000 U.S. troops, civilians and military dependents as well as the right to approve U.S. military operations.

The accord amended the 1947 military bases agreement under which the United States maintains Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations.

The original agreement expires Sept. 16, 1991. After that, any extension must be by a formal treaty approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate, where opposition to the

bases is strong.

Asked if disappointment over the new agreement would complicate future negotiations on a new treaty, Manglapus replied: "That is something the government will have to decide. That will have to depend on popular response."

Later, he said the government had not decided whether to seek negotiations on a new treaty or simply allow the agreement to expire in 1991.

On Friday, about 3,000 people marched through the streets near President Corazon Aquino's office to protest the agreement. They carried banners denouncing the agreement as a "sellout" and demanding the bases be closed.

A statement by the left-wing New Patriotic Alliance, distributed during the march, urged the public to "make known their opposition to the new agreement."

"For a successful manipulation of their opinion by the Aquino government will be ground enough for this government to proceed confidently to its ultimate agenda — the extension of the U.S. bases beyond 1991," the statement said. "By then, Philippine sovereignty and survival shall have already been finally and completely nullified."

More than 37,000 people have evacuated Caribbean coastal areas, where a hurricane watch was in force. Light rain was falling in Bluefields, Nicaragua, but skies were clear along portions of Costa Rica's coast.

Joan's rains set off mudslides

## King: Mideast peace solution cannot wait

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has said that there could be no delay in bringing about a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and described the Middle East turmoil as a threat to world peace and security and a threat to generations to come in the region.

"There are people being killed and repressed, people who are rebelling and demanding their human rights and their legitimate rights on their national soil," the King said in an interview broadcast Thursday night on the American ABC television's "Nightline" programme.

"The situation is such that we cannot afford to reach a point where all the roads and options to peace are blocked; otherwise it is going to be dangerous for all concerned parties in the area and may be for the world," the King said.

The King reiterated that the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) was the sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine and would continue to be so.

The PLO must take part in an international conference along with the concerned parties and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to work out a Middle East peace settlement, the King said.

His Majesty called for a comprehensive settlement to achieve a just and durable peace in the region.

Jordan is still an involved party in the conflict and is still committed to peace because it has the longest borders with Israel, the

King said.

Jordan, the King said, will not replace the Palestinians because we believe that their legitimate representative must be the party to resolve the problem.

The King said there was no Jordanian option, or a Palestinian



option or an Israeli option, "but there is only one option, that is comprehensive peace in the area."

The PLO, the King said, is more responsible now than ever. "It is in a position to be directly responsible to represent the Palestinians."

The King blamed Israeli extremists for the failure of peace efforts in the past. He voiced hope that the Israelis would make up their mind and make their contribution for the cause of peace.

### Superpower role

The King added that he also hoped that the United States would adopt a positive attitude to resolve the problem, "which is a threat to world peace and regional peace and a threat to generations to come in this area."

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## Mubarak underlines Jordan's role

Cairo (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said that there was no contradiction between Palestinian and Jordanian interests as both sides seek to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian land.

In a statement published by the Cairo daily Al Ahram, Mubarak said that any rational Palestinian policy should take into consideration the special Jordanian-Palestinian relationship and should recognise Jordan's basic role in the peace-making process.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is now shouldering full responsibility for the Palestinians and ought to be very careful and must take positive and bold steps that can best serve the Palestinian people's interests, Mubarak said.

He said that His Majesty King Hussein enjoys worldwide respect and appreciation and his policies had resulted in positive influence on many countries' attitudes.

The PLO should realise, Mubarak said, that Jordan has interest in ending the Israeli occupation because it has long borders with Israel and that its own interests can by no means infringe on those of the Palestinians.

No date has been set for the next round of talks between the foreign minister of Iran and Iraq, though they are expected to open under supervision of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva before the end of October.

Iran contended Thursday that an Iraqi proposal for an exchange of war prisoners was just an excuse to derail the negotiations,

### Taba ruling

Mubarak also warned that Egyptian-Israeli relations would suffer if Israel stalled in implementing an international ruling on the Taba beachfront.

Mubarak also said Israel

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## JTV Channel 2 preview

Sat. — Oct. 22, 1988

8:30 Just The Ten Of Us Move It Or Lost It

9:00 Documentary: Hot House People

A Documentary Programme about clever children and how to encourage and train them to increase their intelligence.

9:30 Saturday Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film The Day of The Dolphin

Starring: George C. Scott Trish Van Devere

Misguided fable about the efforts of dedicated scientist trying to train a dolphin to talk, while simultaneously participating in a counter intelligence scheme involving political assassination.

Sun. — Oct. 23, 1988

8:30 Throb

9:10 Documentary: The Silk Road Xiang Zang's Travels in India

Xiang Zang, of Tang Dynasty China, was both a famed priest and a great traveller in his own right. Leaving China in the 7th century A.D., he made his

arduous way to India, returning home after 18 years of travel.

This programme traces his journey to Budagaya, where the Buddha attained enlightenment. Today, however, most of the population is Hindu, and in Allahabad on the Ganges River we visit their huge Kumbh Mela bathing ceremony, held once every twelve years.

10:20 Magnum Transitions

11:10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em

Mon. — Oct. 24, 1988

8:30 Ever Decreasing Circles

9:10 Enemy At The Door Post Mortem

10:20 Play of the Week The Mask of Love

A young writer is searching for the private life of a deceased famous writer through his relatives and girlfriend.

Tue. — Oct. 25, 1988

8:30 Who's The Boss Angela Gets Fired

9:10 The Soldier of Fortune

10:20 Hunter A child is Born

11:10 Specials What Will Survive Of Us Is Love Laurence Olivier

A one-hour programme of Laurence Olivier's private life at his country home, with his wife, and his daughter.

Wed. — Oct. 26, 1988

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:10 Documentary: Korea The Unknown War An Entirely New War

On Dec. 1, 1950 the United Nations forces in North Korea were in deep trouble. The "home by Christmas" offensive ended in disaster when the Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) began a massive counter-attack. Fighting in intense cold and mainly at night to escape American air support, the Chinese and re-grouped North Koreans forced the U.N. into headlong retreat back south towards the 38th Parallel. In the eastern mountains the 1st Marine Division was encircled at the Chosin Reservoir and had to fight its way back from a hadly overextended position sustaining terrible losses.

11:10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave Em

Fri. — Oct. 28, 1988

8:30 Charles In Charge Speech

9:10 Hannay Death With Due Notice

A quiet break in the country turns into a weekend of murder when Richard Hannay and Reggie Armitage discover they are targets for a demented killer.

10:20 Gentlemen and Players

Boforth saved the daughter of Savage from some intruders and then he accompanied her in romantic trips.

11:10 Married With Children

Thu. — Oct. 27, 1988

8:30 Bill Cosby Show Bring Them Back Alive

9:10 Beauty and the Beast Siege

10:20 Feature Film Carnival Story

Starring: Anne Baxter Steve Cochran George Nader

Tragedy ensues when two men love a beautiful carnival high-diving star. Heavy-handed drama good performance.



A marine rifleman rests during a brief lull in bitter fighting on Sept. 4, 1950. Korea: The Unknown War on JTV Wednesday at 9:10.

Janet gets free tickets to a Frank Sinatra concert, which both Jack and Chrissy covet. Both of them attempt to bribe the tickets from her by catering to her every whim, which includes caring for a parakeet. Mr. Roper has en-

trusted Janet until he can give it to Mrs. Roper for their anniversary. Jack finally gets the tickets, only to have to give them up to Roper to replace the bird he thinks he's accidentally killed.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**KING RECEIVES COSSIGA'S CABLE:** His Majesty King Hussein Friday received a cable from the Italian President Francisco Cossiga who was flying over the Jordanian air space. Cossiga voiced appreciation to the ties of friendship between his country and Jordan, wishing the King continued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity (Petra).

**CABLE TO SOMALIA:** His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a cable to Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre, congratulating him in his own name and on behalf of the government and people of Jordan on Somalia's National Day. The King wished Barre continued good health and happiness and the Somali people further progress and prosperity (Petra).

**FOREST TREES:** The Agriculture Department in Balqa Governorate will plant 3,000 dunums in Elra, Yarqa and Wadi Shueib areas with forest trees and 5,000 dunums with grazing plants to provide food for livestock (Petra).

**JORDAN VALLEY LAND:** The Jordan Valley Authority will no longer acquire land owned by people in the various towns and villages of the Valley and will therefore allow owners of the land to parcelle them and build on them or sell them, according to the JVA President Mohammad Bani Hani (Petra).

**RUSEIFA ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** Ruseifa Municipality has offered JD 125,000 contract for the construction of roads in Ruseifa and another contract for fencing of the Pepsi Cola pond (Petra).

**ABBADI RETURNS:** Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry Secretary General Abdal Salam Al Abbadi has returned home after taking part in an expert group meeting on reorganisation of Zakat management and social welfare, held recently in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum (Petra).

**AMMOURI EXHIBITION:** A nine-day art exhibition by Alia Ammouri has opened Thursday evening at the Alia Art Gallery in Amman by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib. On display are 38 watercolour paintings depicting the natural environment in Jordan (Petra).

**SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG INDUSTRIES:** Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Arab Company for Drugs and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA) will hold its third symposium on Arab drug industries, and their problems and challenges, in cooperation with the Supreme Committee for Drug Affairs on Monday (Petra).

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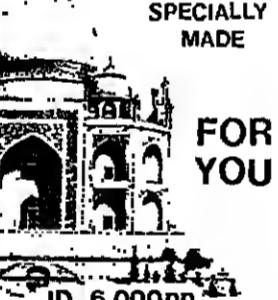
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15:30 Koran Children programme

17:30 Educational programme

18:00 News from Iraq

18:15 Iraqi series

19:05 Family programme

19:35 Programme review

20:00 News in Arabic

20:35 Arabic series

21:35 Programme review

21:45 Arabic play

22:00 News summary in Arabic

22:10 Arabic play (contd.)

### PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 La Valise En Carton

News in French

19:00 Un DB de Plus

News in Hebrew

19:45 Midweek Program

20:00 News in Arabic

20:35 Growing Pains

21:00 Hot House People

Saturday Variety Show

22:00 Feature film: "The Day of the Dolphin"

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09:15 Words: The Ken Bruce Show

10:30 Newscast

11:00 Jordan Weekly

11:30 Concert Hour

12:00 News Summary

12:45 Instrumental/Old favourites

17:00 Special Feature

17:30 Good Old Days

18:00 News Summary

18:30 Top Twenty

19:00 Newsdesk/Music

19:30 The Young Sound

20:30 Discovering Music

21:00 The Musical in Review

22:00 News 20:10 Closeup

22:30 Special

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6:30 ZTV, 1323 KHz

## Al Hussein confers medals on Iraqi chief, delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday conferred on Iraqi Armed Forces Chief of Staff Nizar Abdul Karim Faisal, Jordan's Military Medal of the First Order and awarded members of his delegation distinguished Jordanian medals.

The medals were presented to Faisal and his delegation by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb at a meeting in the army headquarters in the presence of senior military officers. The two sides discussed Jordanian-Iraqi military cooperation before the Iraqi team left for home.

Faisal and his delegation had toured a number of military positions in Jordan and met with high ranking army officers.

## Hamzeh opens 2 health centres

DEIR ABI SA'ID (Petra) — Two Health Centres for the northern towns of Kurf Rakeb and Janin Al Safa were opened Thursday by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh who said in a speech at the ceremony that his ministry was pursuing efforts to ensure health services for all people by the year 2,000.

Next year will witness a new development in the primary health care centres in Jordan when specialists will be appointed to provide better medical care and the ministry will embark on building comprehensive centres for areas with 30,000 to 35,000 citizens and more, the minister noted.

The ministry, Hamzeh added, strives to ensure at least one midwife for every centre, and has plans to establish a new centre for nurse training in Irbid to offer midwifery and nursing courses.

The minister heard a briefing about the medical and health situation in the region from local officials and said that preliminary studies have been made to set up a hospital in Deir Abi Sa'id to meet the growing need for services not available at the existing health centres.

Hamzeh later inspected the local health centre and examined plans for its expansion. He inspected the nearby Sammou' health centre and discussed with the town mayor prospects for expanding its services.

## Standardisation meeting opens today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM) will open its 21st meeting here Saturday, with the participation of delegations from all Arab countries.

The four-day meeting will hear a report by the organisation's secretary general on the implementation of resolutions passed by the two earlier sessions in the past year and reports by specialised committees on progress of work in unifying standards and specifications of various products in the Arab World.

A two-day meeting by directors of specifications and standards departments in the Arab World concluded in Amman Thursday.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan receives participants of the Third International Seminar on Islamic Arts at the Royal Court Thursday (Petra photo)

## Khasawneh stresses role of media in spreading awareness to the public

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Hani Khasawneh has emphasised the role of information services in spreading awareness among members of the public, and underlined the need to counter all harmful rumours under the present circumstances. The information media, including radio and television, ought to be aware of all attempts that could be designed to shake the people's confidence, and should help mobilise all people's potentials and enlist their participation in a constructive manner that would be conducive to continued

progress and prosperity, the minister said at a meeting with radio and television news editors and script writers.

Information services, he said, should be employed to help people do away with harmful customs of excessive consumption and lavish spending, and should serve as a guidance to the public in the process of construction and in enhancing the national economy.

Referring to the government's recent economic and monetary measures, he said, they represented a joint endeavour by the government and the public to

help the Kingdom forge ahead with the development process with more confidence.

The information services, the minister added, should be ready to counter hostile and suspect campaigns directed against Jordan and the Kingdom's institutions.

The meeting was attended by 32 participants in a training course in script writing being held by the Radio and Television Corporation, as well as the corporation director and other officials.

## Seminar urges boosting housing operations in rural, urban areas

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar on the reduction of housing costs ended in Amman Thursday and issued a set of recommendations designed to boost housing operations in urban and rural areas of Jordan.

The seminar, attended by some 160 participants from various government ministries, the Housing Corporation, real estate offices and other organisations in Jordan, reviewed 17 working papers dealing with the question of land, building operations, financing housing schemes and economic and social studies affiliated to these subjects, according to a final statement.

The statement underlined re-

solutions and recommendations adopted by a national housing strategy conference held earlier in the country, and emphasised the need to carry out housing projects in rural areas close to factories and other production centres, and to benefit from loans offered to local councils by the Cities and Villages Development Bank.

It said that a guidebook and instructions on low-cost housing

can and should help cut expenses. Before housing estates are built, the statement said, a social and economic survey ought to be conducted to determine the needs and the desires of beneficiaries.

The statement called on the government to set up a committee comprising representatives of the Housing Corporation, the Urban Development Corporation, the Royal Scientific Society, the Housing Bank and the private sector to follow up the implementation of these resolutions.

The statement stressed the need for Jordanians to employ locally-produced building materials, and called on the government to train and classify those employed in building to help provide better quality housing for the beneficiaries.

The statement, which will be organised by Mu'ta University in

## Seminar on Islamic arts ends

## Experts recommend setting up regional Islamic art centre

By Rania Atalla  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Participants of the Third International Seminar on Islamic Arts ended their meeting here Thursday, adopting as one of their recommendations a suggestion by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to set up a regional centre to exchange information on Islamic art with "centres of excellence" in the U.S. and Europe.

Seminar participants also decided to adopt an appeal made by Gazan artist Leila Shawwa to work on establishing a body that would defend and protect Islamic culture in occupied Palestine.

During the three-day seminar, entitled "Problems of Art Education in Islamic Countries," more than 60 Islamic art scholars and connoisseurs from universities, art museums and institutions in 24 countries analysed the state of art education in the Islamic World.

Participants at the symposium felt "...there is need to pool ideas and information" both with historic Islamic art and contemporary art. They welcomed Prince Hassan's suggestion "to set up regional centres for research and information in this field, for the Middle East, Far East and the Western World."

The Royal Society of Fine Arts (RSFA), which had already established a data bank on contemporary art and artists of the Islamic World, was designated as the centre for the Middle East, the recommendation stated.

The London-based Islamic Arts Foundation, which along with the RSFA cosponsored the seminar, was designated to be the centre for the Western World. The location of a suitable centre for South Asian and the Far East were to be decided later.

Further, the recommendations read, seminar participants felt there was a need for an "Islamic perspective to enhance and deepen the understanding and appreciation of art forms" which developed in the Islamic World over a long period of time and in different cultural and geographic contexts.

Participants expressed satisfaction over the fact that in most countries of the Islamic World represented in the seminar, art

education programmes were "in various stages of research and preparation." They felt there was a need for authentic field surveys and noted that the pilot project in Jordan entitled "Survey Study of Problems Pertaining to Art Education," was "a useful model" that should be adapted to develop a standard format of enquiry for all countries of the Islamic World.

A consensus among participants was reached that Islamic art history and education should be introduced as a subject at the primary, secondary, and university levels in Islamic countries. Participants suggested that the Organisation of Islamic Conference be requested to convey the proposal to all member-countries for a coordinated action.

### Occupied territories

Action on defence of the Islamic heritage in Palestine came when Leila Shawwa asked participants to bring to the attention of the world the "cultural massacre" that is being carried out in the occupied territories.

The conference adopted Shawwa's remarks within their recommendations.

"The Islamic face of Palestine is eroding very fast and will continue to unless we receive support to put an end to this barbaric onslaught," Shawwa said.

She noted that Israeli archaeologists had filled their houses and museums with Islamic and non-Islamic art objects and had provided the international art market with such objects. The world was filled with disguised Israeli dealers of Islamic art, she said.

Shawwa said that in occupied Palestine, educational institutions faced a more fundamental problem in art education, indeed in education as a whole — that of keeping educational institutions open and operating in the face of Israeli measure to close them.

In her concluding remarks, Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali, President of the RSFA, said that one of the problems that the field of Islamic art faces is the "lack of patronage."

"In the Muslim countries, patronage should be the responsibility of Muslim scholars," she said. She urged participating scholars to act as "patrons of the next generation (in order to) help people learn about their heritage."

She also urged participants to keep the fight against extremism and to preserve the universality of Islam.

"The centralism of ideas, acts and thoughts has to be defended. This is our responsibility," she concluded.

Crown Prince Hassan received the conference participants at the Royal Court Thursday evening and thanked them for their constructive efforts in focusing attention on problems of art education in Islamic countries and for their efforts of analysing these problems and finding proper solutions.

Prince Hassan suggested the allocation of a prize for those who excel in the field of Islamic art. He set the criteria and bases for such a prize along the lines of both the King Faisal and Aga Khan Awards.

The Crown Prince offered symbolic gifts to both Professor Geza Ferencvaro, head of the Near Eastern Department at University of London's School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), and Jalalul Din Ahmad, head of the Islamic Arts Foundation.

Attending the meeting was His Royal Highness Prince Nayer Ibn Ali, Private Chamberlain to His Majesty King Hussein.

## SPACE EXPLORATION: The American Cultural Centre Tuesday shows a live television dialogue on space exploration, during which participants including Farouq Al Baz of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Prince Sultan Ibn Salman Al Saud and others, will talk about international cooperation in space exploration and practical applications of space technology (J.T.).

## Police move to end latest case of 'evocation of spirits'

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) has moved to put an end to what it called "acts of magic" and "evocation of spirits" that have been performed by Samir Karabashi, a Jordanian citizen through his Iraqi-born wife who served a medium, in such practices.

Colonel Yousef Gharabieh, the Amman Police Department director, told press conference Thursday that the husband, who had been involved in earlier cases of evocation of spirits and magic, will be prosecuted for his illegal practices while his wife will be provided with proper medical and psychological treatment.

Gharabieh said that police made the move in order to end confusion among members of the public who thronged the Karabashi home at Jabal Luweibdeh

after they heard the rumour about a vision of the Virgin Mary that appeared to Lina Karabashi.

Citizens visited Lina's home day and night, hoping to get a blessing from the woman and so causing disturbance to the neighbourhood, Gharabieh noted.

He said that police interfered to put an end to any abuse to religion and any harm that would ensure as a consequence.

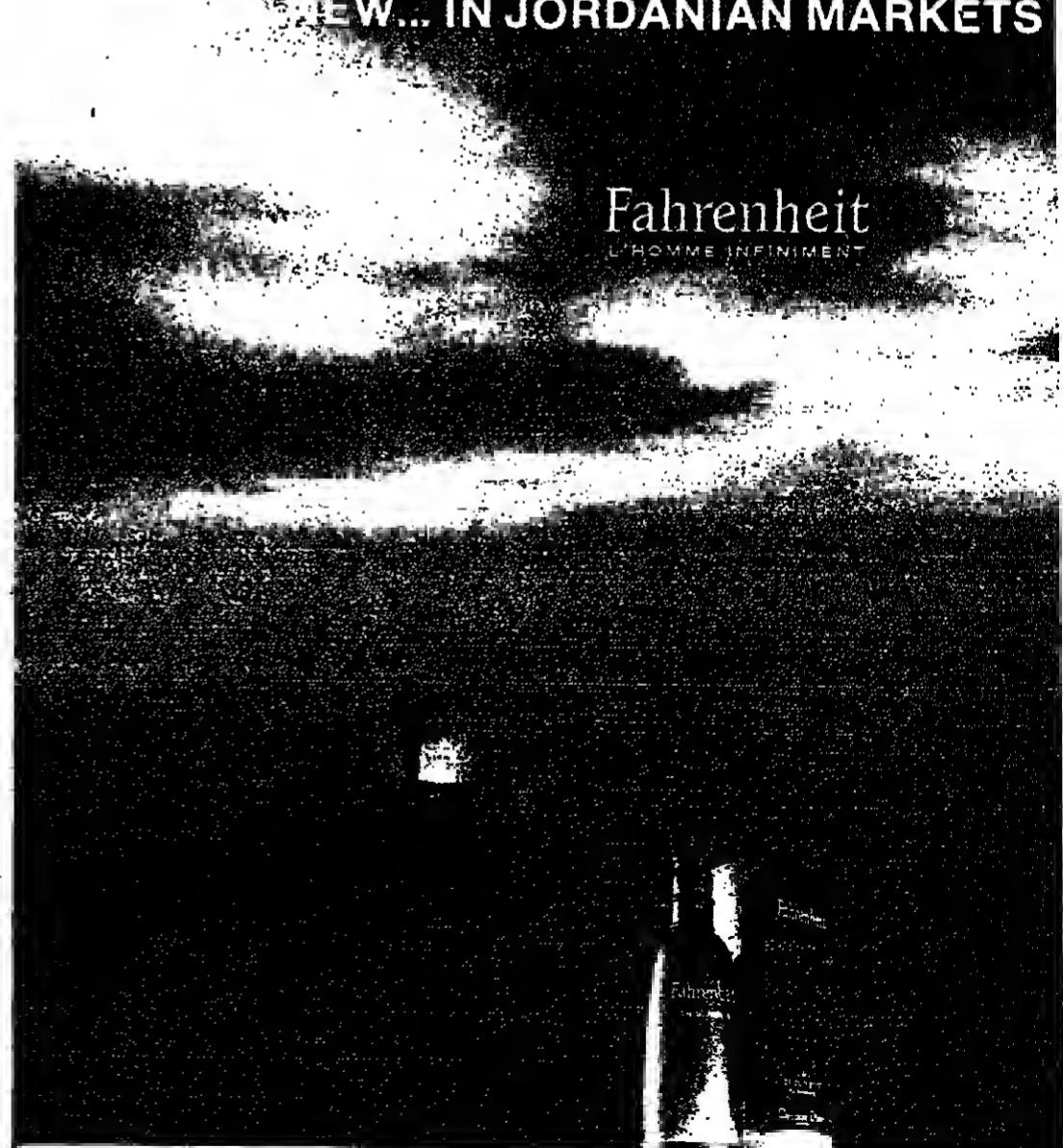
A committee of specialists and the PSD was set up to investigate the situation and reported that 21-year-old Lina Karabashi had suffered a severe leg injury when she was six years old and had undergone 16 surgical operations, the last of which was conducted at the Al Hussein Medical Centre during this month.

The woman was discharged from hospital temporarily on con-

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One of the prints on display at the exhibition of Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ Photo exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- ★ An art exhibition entitled "Bait Al 'Arabi," by Hana Sadik Beraudo, at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ Book exhibition: "Individual, Sport and Olympic Games," at the Deanship of Students Affairs, Yarmouk University.
- ★ Children's book exhibition, at the Women's Cultural, Social and Sports Club, Amman.
- ★ Exhibition: Photographs and maps of archaeological sites, at the Goethe Institute.
- ★ A paintings exhibition by Alia Al Shanti Ammoura, at Alia Art Gallery, Insurance Building, Jabal Amman.
- ★ An exhibition of paintings by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel — 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### FILM

- ★ A video film entitled "Impressions d'Orsay," at the French Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.
- ★ A German film entitled "I Want only That You Love Me" subtitled in English, at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.

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### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Friday's

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Friday commented on the carbomb attack on Israeli troops in south Lebanon which led to the death of seven Israeli officers and soldiers. The attack was a clear sign of the failure of Israel's concept of secure boundaries based on occupation of other countries' land, very much like the total collapse of Israel's doctrine represented in the Bar Lev line built along the Suez Canal, the paper noted. It is strange, said the paper, to see Israel still clinging to its old futile strategies of security zones despite repeated instances in which the oppressed people found ways of shattering the Jewish state's dreams whether in Palestine or in Lebanon. Security in the true sense can only be established and achieved in the absence of occupation and only when Israel's repressive measures against the Arab people have ended, the paper added. Furthermore, it said the new threats of Israel's leaders against the Lebanese resistance can only help to escalate tension and take peace further away from the region.

Sawt Al Shabab daily tackled the national economy and echoed a favourite reaction by Jordanian industrialists to the government's recent monetary measures. The positive reaction reflects a sense of responsibility and national commitment, the paper said. The paper commanded the industrialists' call on various businesses to step up efforts for more and better quality products which they said would bring in more confidence and strengthen the country's economy and national currency. Hard currency, the paper said, can come by improving the quality of products and exports, which the industrialists have pledged to undertake. It said only through concerted efforts by all citizens and by preventing a drain of the country's resources can the national economy be bolstered.

Al Dustour daily stressed that Jordan can and will be able to adapt to the new economic situation; and has the power to stand firm in the face of economic challenges. Jordan is part of a region which has been subjected to difficult economic circumstances; and has naturally been affected by the developments and the events in the neighbouring states, the paper said. It reminded its readers that the Kingdom had benefitted from the years of boom and achieved high economic rates of growth; and said it is time for all citizens to help their country adapt to the new situation by rationalising spending and readjusting their norm of life to match the new circumstances.

#### Thursday's

Al Ra'i Arabic daily editorialised Thursday for the fourth day running on the prime minister's televised statements on the economic and monetary issues of Jordan. Describing Mr. Rifai's statements as bold and frank, the paper said that they also manifested the government's keenness in involving the public in a serious responsibility towards their country and future. It is time, said the paper, for all Jordanians to realise the need to adapt to the new situation and understand that they have to maintain solidarity in the face of the new challenge and work together to maintain the process of development.

Al Dustour daily described the recent government measures as a natural response to the economic situation that has prevailed not only in Jordan but also in the Arab region at large. The economic and financial measures are designed to bring Jordan in line with a new phase of adaptation with the economic situation and to exploit the national potential in the building and development process, the paper said. The government, the paper continued, has made a balance between imports and our real requirements; and has charted a new policy for the private and public sectors to help Jordan maintain the momentum of development at all levels. The recent response by the economic, industrial and social organisations to the government's measures it said is encouraging and promises a real mobilisation of efforts and resources in serving national interests.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

#### Treason

WRITING in Al Ra'i daily, the paper's editor Rakan Al Majali urges the people and the government alike to work together to end any tendency towards profiteering on the part of merchants and store keepers of all kind. The writer criticises merchants who raised prices of their products to high and unprecedented levels without any reasonable justification except for the sake of making quick profit, benefiting from the general belief that prices of imported products will rise now in view of the recent government monetary measures. It is not enough for the government to interfere and protect the consumers, the writer says, but the consumers themselves can also help by either boycotting products, or those merchants who try to manipulate the situation. The writer cites an instance in the United States where merchants tried to raise the prices of coffee and were met by a public boycott that eventually forced them to lower the prices. He says profiteering and manipulation are tantamount to treason under the current circumstances; and members of the public are demanded to help the government put an end to such practice.

UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestine refugees, is facing emergencies in three of its five fields of operations but its income is not keeping pace with the rising demand on agency services warns the annual report of the commissioner-general released in New York.

In his report for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988, Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli urges the General Assembly to keep this reality in mind when asking UNRWA to take on new tasks or to resume former ones. There is a tendency, says Giacomelli, for each emergency to induce demands for permanent changes in UNRWA's regular programmes and once the crisis subsides and public attention wanes, the extra funding that is readily available to help UNRWA respond to urgent humanitarian needs is often no longer available. Thus the longer-term costs to the agency of meeting extra demands tend to become an

added burden on the regular budget.

The most obvious answer to this divergence between mounting demands and the prospect of, at best, a stable level of income is a viable Middle East peace process that would point the way for UNRWA to begin making plans for gradually relinquishing its responsibilities, says Giacomelli in his report. "In the meantime, to the extent that our resources allow, we will continue to do our best in maintaining services and providing assistance to the Palestine refugees in the Near East."

#### Lebanon

At the beginning of the reporting period, UNRWA was again seeking access to besieged refugee camps in Lebanon with the aim of restarting services to refugees. By the end of the period, the agency had been able to repair and reopen most of its installations and UNRWA was

ready to begin a programme of shelter repairs for refugee families. This programme, however, was delayed by further factional fighting in June and July and was not able to begin until Sept. 20.

The problem of security for UNRWA staff was again a major preoccupation. Two international staff members were kidnapped and held for 25 days early in 1988 and four area staff were killed, bringing to 33 the total staff killed in Lebanon since 1982. A further 14 staff were missing or detained as of 30 June, including Alec Collett who was working as an information consultant with UNRWA when he was kidnapped

#### Occupied territories

Predictions by UNRWA that growing despair and bitterness in the occupied territories over the lack of movement in resolving the problems of refugees would lead to increasing confrontation have come true. At the end of June 1988, the uprising and the reac-

tion of the authorities to it has seen the death of more than 200 Palestinians and some 8,000 injuries from beatings, gunfire, tear gas and rubber bullets.

Measures used by the Israeli authorities have greatly increased the demands on UNRWA's health centres in the occupied territories. Curfews and restrictions on travel and the general security conditions made life difficult for tens of thousands of refugees who were unable to make a living and thus came more and more to rely on UNRWA's relief and food distribution programme. The closure of schools for long periods, especially in the West Bank, resulted in the loss of more than one-third of the teaching time and the agency's four vocational and teacher training centres lost a full year of training.

#### Regular programmes

Over the years since UNRWA began operations in May 1950,

the agency's work has evolved from providing immediate emergency relief and health care to an emphasis on education. But the agency often finds itself working on a double track — providing regular services and also emergency aid to Palestine refugee.

This has been especially true during the current reporting period with the Jordan and Syria fields operating normally and the Lebanon, West Bank and Gaza Strip fields providing both regular services and emergency help.

UNRWA's 633 elementary and junior secondary schools provide general education for more than 350,000 young refugees and its training centres have places for 4,754 trainees. Over the past year the agency provided 397 university scholarships for refugee students.

The unsettled situation in Lebanon and casualties in the occupied territories brought about a 20 per cent increase in patient visits to UNRWA's 95

health centres in the five areas of operation over the July 1987 to June 1988 reporting period. The number of visits reached almost 6 million.

Although UNRWA's relief programme usually takes only 10 per cent of the agency's annual budget, deteriorating economic conditions plus emergencies in three fields have brought relief to the forefront again. The number of special hardship cases who receive food, blankets, clothing and minimal cash grants, has increased to 135,753 persons. This still only represents about 5 per cent of the registered refugee population.

As of June 30, 1988, the total registered population reached 2,268,595 persons. Of these, 792,832 lived in 61 refugee camps. The remainder live in the cities and towns of the five areas of operation: Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, West Bank and Gaza Strip — UNRWA press release.

## 345 run for U.S. presidency

By Graham Earnshaw  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — Lenora Fulani, a 38-year-old black psychologist from New York who represents the New Alliance Party, is the only alternative candidate to have made it into the ballot in all states.

She argues for arms spending cuts, more welfare spending and the rights of minorities, the poor and homosexuals.

"Across this country the people cry out for a decent life," she said in a campaign speech. "Job training, job opportunities, farm subsidies, decent welfare payments. This is what the people need."

The Socialist Workers Party has a candidate. So does the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Voters, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Al Hamburg of Hell, Wyoming, who once put his dog Woofie D. Coyote on the presidential ballot, is also standing this year, but he could not be reached for the downright wacky.

The strongest alternative candidacy in recent American history were John Anderson, who got 5.7 million votes in the 1980 race against Ronald Reagan and then-President Jimmy Carter, and George Wallace, who took 9.9 million votes in the 1968 contest against Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon.

But the "also-rans" now generally say they're in the race for the world's most powerful elected post to air their often unorthodox views and push the main candidates closer to their own positions.

If the contest between the Democrats and the Republicans is close, the presence of alternative candidates on the ballot could be crucial in some states — or so the longshots hope.

Only one alternative candidate attempts by such diverse forces as the KGB and the Jewish Defence League, says the Soviet Union will probably invade Western Europe within two years unless the United States sells Moscow more food.

Running as an independent Democrat, Larouche predicts global economic collapse and unprecedented famine which he says will probably lead to the demise of constitutional government in the United States by 1992 if drastic measures are taken.

Former Senator Eugene McCarthy, a hero of the anti-Vietnam war movement who made a strong bid for the Democratic nomination in 1968, is running again this year as the candidate for the Consumer Party, but only in a handful of states.

#### Liberation party too

Then there is the Liberation Party which, with a platform of extreme economic conservatism and social liberalism, claims to be the third-largest U.S. party after winning nearly one million votes of more than 87 million cast in 1980.

Its candidate Ron Paul, a former Republican congressman, is on the ballot in 47 states. He hopes to capture up to two million votes this year by urging reduced government control over business and the complete decriminalisation of drugs.

"We believe that a person has absolute freedom to do what he wants as long as he or she doesn't hurt others, and take it to the extreme of advocating the legalisation of all drugs, including heroin," said Paul's adviser and son, Randolf.

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### King: Peace settlement cannot wait

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## OPEC seeks more time to solve bitter oil output row

MADRID (R) — Key OPEC ministers, meeting to try to end an Iran-Iraq dispute over oil output quotas and reunite the group, played down chances of an early breakthrough on Friday and said emergency talks of all 13 members may be needed.

OPEC's disunity has led to excess production which has flooded the market and threatened a price crash.

On the second day of a meeting of eight oil ministers, Indonesia's Ginting Kartasasmita tried to dampen hopes in the oil market of an early deal and OPEC Secretary-General Subroto held out a prospect of negotiations lasting four weeks.

"I just want to warn you not to attach too much hope to this one single meeting," the Indonesian minister told reporters at the joint session of OPEC's long-term strategy and price committees.

Secretary-General Subroto indicated that OPEC needed more time. The joint committee would have to meet again before a full ministerial conference scheduled to start Nov. 21 in Vienna, he told reporters.

"We feel we need more than one meeting," he said, adding that an emergency session of all 13 states could not be ruled out before the scheduled November session.

The statements underlined the intractability of a bitter row over production between Iran and Iraq which arose during their Gulf war and goes to the roots of divisions within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Tehran has repeatedly blocked Baghdad's attempts to win an OPEC output quota equal to its own 2.36 million barrels a day. In turn, Iraq has boycotted group production programming.

In the past few months, discipline in OPEC has all but collapsed, with quotas now being openly flouted and analysts forecasting a possible repeat of 1986's crash when prices slid below \$10 a barrel.

They are now around \$13, compared with an OPEC target of \$18.

Ginting said the purpose of the Madrid talks, which are expected to continue Saturday, was to bring Iraq back into the group

## Jordan supply minister vows to crack down on profiteers

By Rana Sabbagh  
Reuters

AMMAN — Jordanian Supply Minister Abdul Salam Kanaan vowed Friday to crack down on any profiteering traders

"Legal action will be taken against any wholesale and retail suppliers or merchants who try to exploit the current position by raising prices on commodities which are already in stock," Kanaan told Reuters. "Violators

will face severe punishment."

He said his ministry had already taken legal action against some traders who had tried to take advantage of what he called "temporarily unstable market circumstances."

The dinar has lost almost 15 per cent of its dollar value since Saturday when the central bank of Jordan (CBJ) let the currency slide in a bid to conserve scarce foreign exchange and boost exports.

The CBJ now values the dollar

at 443 fils, compared to 378 fils a week ago. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

Anxious shoppers rushed to buy consumer goods before the dinar's decline was reflected in higher prices and newspapers denounced traders who, they said, had marked up prices or hoarded goods to sell later.

Kanaan said there was no reason for restaurants or groceries to raise prices since his ministry was still importing and subsidising staple foods such as

rice, sugar, frozen meat and flour.

Prices of basic foodstuffs such as milk and dairy products, local meat, poultry, fish and tea are also fixed.

Kanaan said his ministry monitored prices of luxury imported items but did not normally interfere. But he added: "We shall take action if shameless merchants repeat what some of their colleagues tried to do in the past four days."

## Saqqaf calls for participation of Egypt in pan-Arab economies

CAIRO (Petra) — Ministry of Industry and Trade's Secretary-General Mohammad Saqqaf has called for the return of Egypt to the Arab Common Market and the Arab Economic and Social Council in view of its importance to the Arab World.

Referring to talks held by the Jordanian delegation in Cairo, Saqqaf said they covered progress in the implementation of Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee resolutions, a process which, he said, was going on smoothly and on schedule.

The delegation is led by Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa who held a series of meetings with Egyptian International Cooperation Minister Maurice Makramallah to discuss joint projects.

He said that Jordan has maintained very strong economic ties with Egypt and launched joint projects with that country believing that it is a process that leads to a real strength of Arab economy.

Saqqaf said that Jordan is linked through bilateral agreements

with Egypt, Syria, Iraq and North Yemen in a manner that should be regarded as complementary to the Arab Common Market agreement.

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According to Saqqaf, the two sides discussed coordination in industry and commerce and took part in the general assembly meeting of the Jordanian-Egyptian Investment Company which

will set up plants for producing lean meat and animal feed in Egypt.

The projects which are designed to enhance the two countries' endeavours to ensure food security, are being implemented under the umbrella of a \$50 million joint company that will carry out other projects in Jordan and Egypt, Saqqaf noted.

He said that agreement has been reached on leasing a 24-dunum of land in Egypt for setting up the two projects, and that shares will be offered to the Arab public to raise funds for their operations.

Describing Jordanian-Egyptian relations as excellent, Saqqaf said that the two countries' 1988 trade volume is expected to reach \$110 million worth of products traded on equal footing.

Under the trade agreements, Saqqaf noted that Jordan has

concluded deals to sell Egypt \$28 million worth of cement, the first consignment of which will be shipped in the coming week.

In return, he said, Egypt will sell Jordan rice, and aluminum together worth \$28 million.

Referring to industrial fairs Saqqaf said that Jordan will set up its exhibition in Cairo in December and Egypt will do likewise some time later on in Amman.

Each fair, he said, will be allowed to sell \$2 million worth of products directly to the public in accordance with bilateral agreements.

Both Saqqaf and Tabbaa visited a site near Alexandria where the joint projects for the production of meat and fodder will be set up.

They also visited an Islamic permanent trade fair and a proposed site for Jordan's industrial fair.

## USSR to develop price index

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union, which has long maintained that it has no inflation, plans to develop an index to measure rising prices, a senior government statistician said Thursday.

Nikolai Belov complained of what he called groundless price increases in both industrial and consumer goods and said they had affected the income of the Soviet people in the first nine months of 1988.

"A number of enterprises have started to resolve their financial problems through groundless price rises," Belov, the first deputy chairman of the State Committee on Statistics, told a news conference.

He could not estimate the percentage by which prices had

risen, saying the Soviet Union did not use an "inflation indicator" in its statistics. But he added: "We plan to develop a price index based on economic performance for the entire year."

Belov's comments were the first official indication that the Soviet Union, like the West, suffers from inflation even though media complaints of price rises have been emerging.

The trade union newspaper Trud said Sept. 29 that the prices of such staple foods as bread, potatoes and other vegetables had risen by up to 18 per cent in the last two years.

"Price rises were responsible for 60 per cent of the entire increase in trade turnover in 1986 and 1987," it added.

Belov said industrial wages had

gone up by 6.7 per cent in the first nine months of 1988, outstripping the increase in labour productivity which rose by just 5.2 per cent.

He said national income had grown 4.7 per cent, a large jump from the same period last year, when it was just 2.4 per cent. But he acknowledged the figures were not inflation-adjusted.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has warned the population to expect increases in the price of staples at the start of the 1990s as a necessary part of an overhaul of the centrally planned Soviet economy.

But Belov's comments indicated some enterprises, presumably including cooperatives, were moving ahead with price increases without waiting for a go-ahead from Moscow.

KUWAIT (Petra) — Kuwait's Al Siyasa Arabic daily Thursday praised the recent Jordanian measures to regulate the value of the Jordanian dinar versus the major foreign currencies and described it as a well-organised adjustment for the value of the Jordanian dinar.

The paper said that Jordan, like other Arab and Gulf countries, has been affected during the last few years by difficult economic situations, which were, to a large extent, part of the difficult Arab and Gulf economic situations.

Jordan, the paper said, is a natural partner of the Gulf states and relies mainly on the Gulf in a great part of its financial resources, be it through the official aid or through the Jordanian expatriates transfers.

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## Sports

## Sinan Saudi wins national speed trials

AMMAN (J.T.) — In the final speed trial of the 1988 Jordan National Rally Championship, held Friday at the Royal Automobile Club, Sinan Saudi took first prize in a Daahia GT with a time of 1:46.86. Second came Ahmad Komok, in a Renault 5 Turbo with a time of 1:47.44, and

third Yanal Komok, also in a Renault 5 Turbo with 1:49.82.

Forty eight drivers took part in the trials in two sessions.

There is now only one season left to complete the season, which will take place in the Jerash region Nov. 11.

## Egypt bags first Paralympic gold

SEOUL (Agencies) — A discus thrower won Egypt's first gold medal and a West German amputee added to his country's top medal standing at the Paralympic games in Seoul Friday.

Mohammad Abdulla Mohammad, struck by polio at a year old, captured a gold medal and broke disabled sport's world discus record by nearly four metres with a 36.68-metre throw.

"I came to make a new record," he said. "Now I have problems because I have to keep it."

Mohammad, a first-time Paralympic competitor, also won a bronze medal in the shotput event, leaving Egypt tied for last place with two medals.

By Friday, West Germany had a firm hold on first place with 54 golds, 40 silvers and 29 bronzes.

Javelin-thrower Hubert Bursegen, 45, later added a gold. He lost his legs below the knee when he fell under a train in 1964.

American Bill Demby, a Vietnam veteran who came seventh in the javelin event, said: "I think (able-bodied athletes) would be

surprised at the competition you find here.

"If (the disabled) can compete in this arena then they can compete in society — if they are allowed to."

American amputee sprinter Dennis Oehler, who sweeps the men's 100-metre and 200-metre dashes, added one more gold medal Friday when he won the 400-metre race at the Paralympics.

Oehler, 28, won the 400-metre race with a world record of 56.25 seconds. His record bettered the previous world mark of 1:01.09.

Adrian Lowe, a 16-year-old Australian, won the silver medal with 1:00.80.

Oehler, who lost his right leg below the knee in a 1984 traffic accident, became the world's fastest amputee athlete Tuesday when he won the 100-metre dash in 11.73 seconds.

His 100-metre record was only 1.9 seconds slower than the world record set by Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson in Rome last year.

Johnson won the Olympic 100 metres in 9.79 seconds in Seoul.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Becker 'almost perfect'

TOKYO (R) — Boris Becker played what he described "almost perfect" tennis Friday to reach the semifinals of the Japan Indoor Tournament, his first competition after a six-week absence through injury. Second-seeded Becker beat fellow West German Eric Jelen 6-2, 6-1 in their quarter-final, while Wimbledon champion and top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden also reached the last four by ousting American Paul Chamberlin 7-5, 6-2 in a thrilling 73-minute contest.

## Aouita still suffers from leg injuries

RABAT (R) — Moroccan middle-distance runner Said Aouita, holder of the 1,500 and 5,000 metres world records, is to receive further medical treatment for leg injuries which ruined his chances at the Seoul Olympics last month. Moroccan sports officials said Friday Aouita had spent a week in the United States having treatment for elongated muscles in his right thigh and cramps in his left leg. He had now moved to Paris for further treatment. Aouita, apparently injured while training this year, was unable to run in the 1,500 metres in Seoul but won a bronze medal in the 800 metres.

## Agassi qualifies for the masters

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi, the fourth-ranked player in the world, has qualified for the Masters Tennis Championship. Agassi, who has won six Grand Prix titles this year, joins Swedish stars Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg in the eight-man field that will compete in the round-robin tournament beginning Nov. 30 at Madison Square Garden in New York. It will be the first masters appearance for Agassi, who helped lead the U.S. to two Davis Cup victories this year.

## Donaghy joins Manchester United

LONDON (R) — English First Division soccer club Luton has accepted Manchester United's £800,000 offer for their Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy. Luton directors reluctantly agreed to release Donaghy after United met their asking price for the 31-year-old defender. But United manager Alex Ferguson ruled out any hope of Donaghy signing in time to play in his side's match at Wimbledon Saturday.

## Tyson-Bruno fight in U.S. not final

NEW YORK (R) — Bill Cayton, who manages heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, said Thursday that an agreement to move the often postponed bout with Briton Frank Bruno to the United States had not yet been worked out. "Nothing is final," said Cayton, adding that he could not comment further on the status of talks with British promoters Jarvis Astaire and Mickey Duff. Last week Astaire and Bruno came to New York for negotiations with Cayton, who said reports that the fight would take place in Las Vegas were premature.

## Unseeded Egyptian shines in squash

SEATTLE (R) — Unseeded Egyptian Ahmad Taher, who eliminated fifth seed Ross Throne of Australia two days ago, continued his purge of the seeds at the \$40,000 U.S. Open Squash Championship Thursday night. Taher, ranked 57th in the world, removed 14th seed Jason Nicolle of England 15-2, 15-13, 15-9 to book a berth in the quarter-finals.

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# Serbs protest as parliament debates constitutional reform

BELGRADE (R) — Thousands of Serbian nationalists demonstrated in their leader's home town Friday as parliament debated amending the state constitution to end Yugoslavia's worst political turmoil since 1945.

Witnesses said about 10,000 protesters massed in the eastern Yugoslav town of Pozarevac, birthplace of Slobodan Milosevic, who heads a campaign for more Serbian political control of the Albanian-dominated autonomous province of Kosovo.

Demonstrators held aloft portraits of Milosevic, chanted his name and denounced a vote of no-confidence which federal party officials passed Wednesday against a Serbian member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo.

The rally, which resembled a protest by thousands of Serbs Thursday in a Kosovo town, was also called to highlight popular discontent at falling living standards.

"The working class expects improvements in its material situation," the mayor of Pozarevac, Kuzman Jeremic, told the rally, which Milosevic did not attend.

The vote against Dusan Krstic, a prominent figure in the Serbian campaign, reflected the concern of non-Serbian leaders that militant Serbs may exploit the Kosovo problem to establish their dominance over the whole country.

The most sensitive constitutional proposal under discussion in parliament was an amendment which would strengthen the ability of the federal authorities to make Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces fund the armed forces.

Slovenia, the most politically liberal and economically advanced republic, opposes the change. Slovene politicians want to limit federal powers in their republic, and the Slovene press has questioned the military's role in Yugoslav life.

Slovene representatives angered the armed forces Wednesday by criticising the amendment at a meeting of the country's highest policy-making organ, the Communist Party Central Committee.

"The blocking of the amendment means, in essence, the breakdown of the system of providing for the army," said Deputy Defence Minister Stanis Brotov. "Who can take responsibility before the Yugoslav people for the possible consequences?"

Federal authorities want parliament to endorse the constitutional proposals so they can be sent to the six republics and two provinces for approval before finally coming into force. No. 29.

## U.S. to indict Marcos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government planned to seek the indictment Friday of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos on charges of diverting enormous sums of money to his own use after fleeing to the United States in 1986, federal sources said.

The Justice Department decided to move against Marcos after his lawyers, involved in plea bargaining negotiations with federal prosecutors, missed Thursday afternoon deadline for responding to a demand that he plead guilty to a racketeering charge, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Government attorney Rudolph Giuliani plans to seek charges of racketeering and fraud against Marcos, the sources. Prosecutors also have investigated activities of Marcos's wife, Imelda, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and a number of associates.

Earlier in the day, President Ronald Reagan indicated he would step aside and not intervene to stop a Marcos indictment, saying that in order to bring the matter to him, "I would think that it would have to be a matter of foreign policy."

Reagan said, "It may not come to my desk at all." Engaging in plea bargaining discussions prior to indictment was a concession by the Justice Department to the State Department, which had urged such a course in an attempt to avoid indicting the former head of state. Justice Department officials had wanted an indictment to precede any plea bargaining negotiations.

In June 1986, four months after Marcos fled to the United States, Giuliani, the federal attorney in New York, began investigating Marcos in connection with allegations that Marcos diverted enormous sums of government money to secret bank accounts.

The government believes that Marcos and his wife fraudulently diverted the money from the Philippine and U.S. governments, according to an opinion Wednesday by a three-judge panel in a matter relating to the Marcos probe.

Marcos and his wife, according to the court opinion, allegedly embezzled the money to buy real estate in New York and other personal property.

Some money, according to the court, allegedly was transferred to secret Swiss Bank accounts held by the Marcoses.

The U.S. General Accounting Office in a 1986 report said the United States probably would never be able to ascertain what happened to \$327 million in economic aid given the Philippines from 1978 to 1985, due to poor accounting procedures by U.S. auditors. The aid, part of total U.S. assistance of \$1.3 billion in the period, was to be used for development projects and for paying off the Philippines' foreign debt.

## Reagan backs Roh's reconciliation effort

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan told South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo Thursday that he backed his pursuit of a political reconciliation with North Korea and offered his help, a top State Department official said.

"President Reagan said the United States fully supports President Roh's proposals and we want to be as helpful as we can," said Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sigur.

The two men "agreed that there is no certain prospect that these measures will succeed but every effort has to be made. We are of course hopeful of eventual success," Sigur told reporters.

During a White House meeting that lasted about two hours, Reagan also told Roh the United States had no objection to his proposal for a six-power conference of the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Japan and the two Koreas.



**Suharto hits communism, liberalism**

JAKARTA (R) — President Suharto said Thursday communist and liberal politics were both foreign to the national character and ruled out any change in the political path Indonesia has followed during his 22-year rule.

"The development of Indonesia's national ideology...through national consensus gives us all strength," he said at the opening of Indonesia's ruling Golkar Party Congress.

"With this path there is no dictatorship by the majority or tyranny by the minority. All groups feel they can belong, be they strong or weak, big or little...not many voices, but one big strong one."

The 67-year-old leader spoke after his Vice-President Sudharmono said he would step down as chairman of Golkar which won more than 70 per cent of the votes in last year's election.

Political analysts said that as party chairman for 10 years and vice president, Sudharmono was a likely candidate to be next president of Indonesia.

He said he unfastened his seat belt and ran, before falling into a ditch with a dislocated ankle.

"Everything was in flames and there were shouts for help."

The Ahmadabad crash was one of two in India Wednesday. At the other side of the country a Fokker Friendship of Vayudoot Airlines, India's second domestic carrier, crashed in the northeastern state of Assam.

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In Ahmadabad, where most bodies were also badly burned, hospital officials said at least 25 corpses were so charred they might never be identified.

## Human error caused Indian plane crash

AHMADABAD (R) — A former pilot who survived India's worst domestic air disaster in which 130 people were killed said he believed human error was the cause.

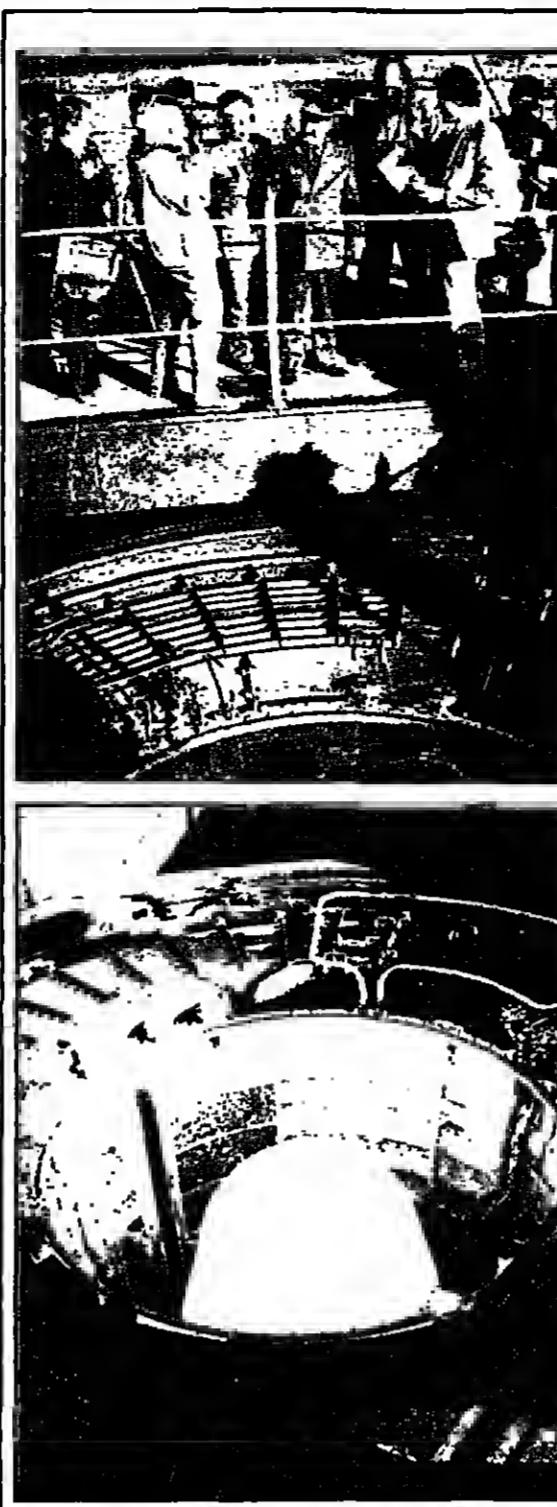
Investigators probing Wednesday's crash of an Indian airlines Boeing 737, which only five people survived, said human error was only one of the possible causes.

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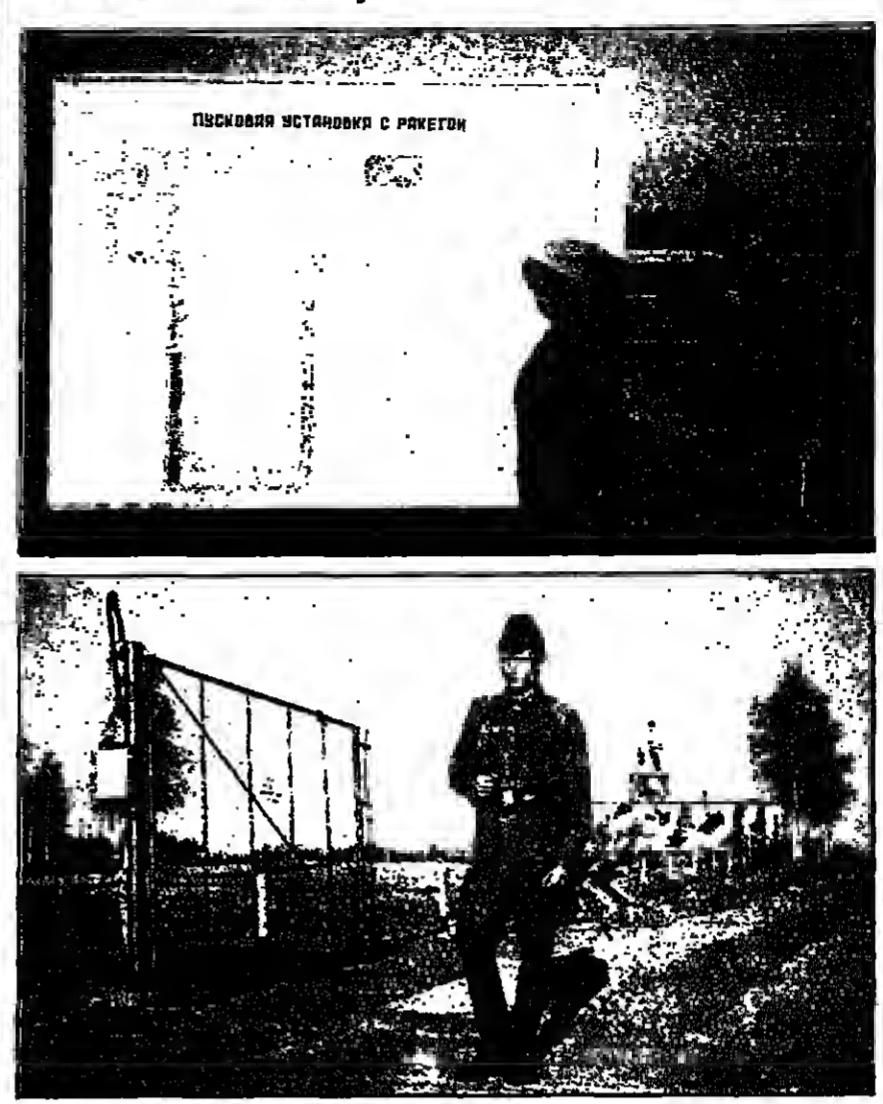
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## Soviets unveil super-secret missile

SOVIET authorities opened a strategic missile base, until now ultra-secret, at Ivanovo, 250 kilometres north of Moscow, for a group of Western journalists earlier this month. The journalists were taken on a tour of the installations, which contained an RS-10 missile, known in the West as SS-11, equipped with a single nuclear warhead. Major General Ivan Verkhov told the jour-

nalists he would welcome "with satisfaction the conclusion of a treaty reducing by half the number of strategic missiles in the hands of the U.S. and the USSR." The superpowers are discussing in Geneva a 50-per cent reduction of their strategic arsenals following last year's agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles. (Sigma photos)



## Dukakis offers apology for aide's sex jibe at Bush

WASHINGTON (R) — Michael Dukakis braced Friday for reaction to a campaign aide's challenge to George Bush over reports that the vice-president had indulged in extramarital affairs.

The campaign waged by the presidential candidates is already regarded as unusually nasty.

The Dukakis campaign immediately announced the resignation of aide Donna Brazile, who also accused Bush of running a racist campaign, and Dukakis personally apologised to Bush.

Brazile told reporters travelling with her in a Dukakis motorcade last week quoted an unidentified source as saying the Republican presidential candidate had an

"I think George Bush should 'fess up" (confess). The American people have every right to know if Barbara Bush will share that bed with him in the White House."

A few hours later the Dukakis campaign announced Brazile had resigned as deputy field director and quoted her as saying: "Today I made certain comments which I deeply regret. I believe too strongly in the importance of electing Michael Dukakis... to allow myself to become an issue in the campaign."

The weekly newspaper last week quoted an unidentified source as saying the Republican presidential candidate had an affair with Jennifer Fitzgerald, a member of his vice-presidential staff and with a second unidentified woman.

Dukakis campaign Chairman Paul Brountas told reporters: "She does not speak for the campaign when she made those remarks."

"He (Dukakis) saw Vice-President Bush tonight and he apologised for these remarks," Brountas added.

Bush and Dukakis shared the head table Thursday night at the annual Al Smith Memorial Dinner, a charity affair sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, a traditional appearance for the candidates.

In keeping with the dinner's custom, both candidates kept their speeches light and good-humoured and the flap over Bush's private life was ignored.

## Happy Birthday is for sale

NEW YORK (R) — "Happy Birthday To You," sung thousands of times daily as people all over the world celebrate birthday, is for sale. The song, which may appear to belong to everyone, is actually still under copyright, and the company that owns it has come on to the market, according to a report in Thursday's New York Times. Birtree Limited, which copyrighted the song in 1935, is expected to fetch \$12 million. "Happy Birthday" brings revenues of \$1 million a year, the paper said.

## New breed of sniffer dogs

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Ben, the first of West Germany's new breed of police sniffer dogs, can smell a criminal miles away and up to a year after the crime. The Alsatian known as a "scents comparison dog" has already forced a confession from a rapist. Three other canine recruits are waiting their turn. The dogs do not need to sniff the suspects. They are given samples of a suspect's scent in small metal tubes then presented with scent from an object found at the scene of a crime. If the two scents are the same the dog presents his handler with the tube.

## No more music on Panama buses

PANAMA CITY (R) — This city's colourful and noisy buses may lose their status as rolling musical extravaganzas as the result of a decree Tuesday ordering them to shut off their ear-splitting radios and tape players. Mayor Jilma Noriega de Jurado told a news conference that the pulsating reggae, salsa and rock and roll music blasting out of the open windows and doors of the brightly-painted buses was making city life miserable.

## 'Piddling affair' gets serious attention

LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard has appointed the head of its serious crimes branch to investigate a tabloid's publication of a private royal family photograph. But a Conservative Party lawmaker criticised the appointment of such a high officer, comparing it to sending in commandos to nab a parking offender. Commander Roy Penrose, 46, former head of the drug squad, will lead an inquiry to discover how the Sun, a 4.15-million-circulation newspaper, obtained the snap-shot of the queen, her mother Elizabeth, and the duchess of York cradling her infant daughter Princess Beatrice. The Conservative lawmaker, Geoffrey Dickens, Saturday protested the "Gibbert and Sullivan" situation in which Scotland Yard assigned Penrose to deal with "this piddling affair."

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### Chilean cabinet formally resigns

SANTIAGO (R) — President Augusto Pinochet's cabinet ministers formally handed in their resignations Thursday to allow him to reorganise his government following defeat in a presidential plebiscite, officials said. A government source said Pinochet would reshuffle his ministers under a new cabinet leader capable of negotiating with the opposition.

### U.S. sanctions bill said dead for '88

WASHINGTON (R) — A leading Senate sponsor of legislation to impose sweeping new economic sanctions against South Africa has acknowledged the bill is dead in this session of Congress but has vowed to push for passage next year. "We'll be right back early in 1989," California Democrat Alan Cranston told the Senate Wednesday.

### Falin named to foreign policy post

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the government press agency Novosti, Valentin M. Falin, has been elevated to a new foreign policy post in the Communist Party apparatus, Soviet officials said Thursday. Falin, 62, was named to a job that combines the responsibilities of two formerly separate posts held by Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Vadim A. Medvedev. Falin will head the newly reorganised International Department of the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making central committee, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov.

### Lord Callaghan hospitalised

LONDON (AP) — Former Prime Minister Lord Callaghan, 76, collapsed at a memorial service Thursday and was taken to the hospital, said a spokeswoman for Saint Thomas' Hospital. She said Callaghan, Labour prime minister between 1976 and 1979, was being kept in the hospital for observation. Callaghan suffered a mild heart attack in June. He became ill during a memorial service for a former colleague at Saint Margaret's Church, near the houses of parliament, and was taken to nearby Saint Thomas'.

### New Soviet interior minister named

MOSCOW (R) — Vadim Bakatin, a relatively unknown member of the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee, has been appointed the country's new interior minister. Soviet Television reported Thursday. The former incumbent, Alexander Vaslov, was made premier of the largest Soviet republic, the Russian Federation, Oct. 3.

### Swiss against tighter immigration curbs

GENEVA (R) — Most Swiss citizens oppose proposals by a far-right political party to limit immigration, according to an opinion poll published Thursday. The poll, in the latest issue of the French-language weekly L'Hebdo, showed that nearly 53 per cent of those surveyed would vote against the proposal by the National Action Party to limit immigration in a referendum scheduled for Dec. 4. A majority of Swiss citizens opposed National Action's scheme to limit the country's foreign community to its current level of nearly one million, 15 per cent of Switzerland's population, the weekly said.